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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 20, 2003

Date

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6060/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The Pending Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.